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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR INDIAN OCEAN TIDAL CURRENT
STUDY

1. A RESEARCH PROJECT IS BEING PLANNED TO STUDY THE
RESPONSE OF OCEAN TIDAL CURRENTS TO MONSOONAL WINDS.
DR. CARL WUNSCH OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECH-
NOLOGY HAS RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE
FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT THE RESEARCH IN THE REGION OF THE
ADMIRANTE, SEYCHELLES, AND MALDIVE ARCHIPELAGOES.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE RESEARCH WILL INVOLVE USING DIVERS
TO PLACE SELF-CONTAINED, SUBMERGED TIDE GAUGES ON
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ISLANDS USING LOCAL CHARTER VESSELS.
THE DATA WILL BE USED TO STUDY FLUCTUATIONS IN SEA LEVEL
IN THE NEAR-EQUATORIAL REGIONS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS
A WAY OF DEDUCING THE RESPONSE OF THE OCEAN TO THE MON-
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ORGANIZATION. ALL THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE SHARED WITH THE HOST COUNTRIES AND WITH THE LIVERPOOL TIDAL OBSERVATORY, INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES, U.K.

3. IN ADDITION TO DR. WUNSCH, DRS. ROBERT REID AND GORDON BROWN (ALL US CITIZENS) WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE RESEARCH. IT IS HOPED THAT FOREIGN PARTICIPATION WILL BE ENCOURAGED IN THE HOST COUNTRIES.

4. THE TIDE GAUGES WILL BE PLACED IN POSITION DURING MARCH AND APRIL 1976 AND RECOVERED IN MARCH AND APRIL 1977. THE ISLANDS INVOLVED ARE THE MALDIVE ISLANDS (ADDU, SUVADIVA, AND HADDUMMATI OR MALE ATTOLS), SEYCHELLE AND ADMIRANTE ISLANDS (BIRD I., PLATTE I., AFRICAN I., OR MARIE LOUISE I.). GAUGES WILL BE POSITIONED WITHIN LAGOONS OR WITHIN ONE-HALF KM OF SHORE.

5. REQUEST EMBASSIES SEEK CLEARANCE FROM HOST COUNTRIES FOR CONDUCT OF RESEARCH DESCRIBED. KISSINGER

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